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SUMMARY: A EUROPEAN YOUTH CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT HAD  
FOR A SERIES OF GENERAL DISARMAMENT STEPS WITH WHICH THE  
SOVIET UNION AND ITS ALLIES WILL HAVE NO TROUBLE. AT THE  
SAME TIME, IT IS CLEAR FROM THE DOCUMENT THAT THE EAST DID  
NOT HAVE ITS WAY COMPLETELY. THE CONFERENCE RECEIVED MAJOR  
ATTENTION FROM THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT, IN LINE WITH THE

GOH'S INTEREST IN PROMOTING EAST/WEST EUROPEAN TIES.  
END SUMMARY.

1. THE EUROPEAN YOUTH AND STUDENT CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT WAS HELD IN BUDAPEST JAN 20-22. TWENTY-NINE COUNTRIES WERE REPRESENTED BY 254 PARTICIPANTS; 16 OBSERVERS FROM REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS ALSO TOOK PART. THE CONFERENCE WAS PRECEDED BY TWO PREPARATORY MEETINGS: JUNE 21-23, 1967, IN PRAGUE, AND NOV 19-20, 1977, IN BONN.

2. ON THE BASIS OF AN AGREED AGENDA, THE EXTENSION OF DETENTE TO THE MILITARY FIELD, INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT, AND THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES OF DISARMAMENT WERE DISCUSSED.

3. THE CONFERENC ADOPTED A FINAL DOCUMENT WHICH SHOULD GIVE THE USSR AND ITS ALLIES FEW PROBLEMS. STANDARD ELEMENTS OF SOVIET POLICY, SUCH AS A CALL FOR THE DISSOLUTION OF BLOCS IN EUROPE, NON-USE OF FORCE, AND WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS WERE ADVOCATED. ON-GOING NEGOTIATIONS IN THE DISARMAMENT FIELD, SUCH AS MBFR, SALT, CTB, AND CSCE, WERE ENDORSED. SUPPORT WAS ALSO VOICED FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT AND A WORLD CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT. THE THIRD WORLD WAS NOT NEGLECTED: THE NIEO WAS CALLED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NECESSARY FOR "OVERCOMING THE SOCIAL PROBLEMS AND AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY."

4. THE CONFERENCE WAS ADDRESSED BY PRIME MINISTER LAZAR, WHO STRESSED CSCE AND THE POSSIBILITIES FOR EAST/WEST COOPERATION, SUCH AS THE YOUTH CONFERENCE ITSELF, WHICH WERE OPENED UP BY THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT. LAZAR NOTED THE USSR'S DISARMAMENT PROPOSALS MADE AT BELGRADE, BUT DID NOT TREAT THEM IN DETAIL.

5. FACT THAT CONFERENCE FINAL DOCUMENT WAS PREPARED IN ADVANCE WAS APPARENTLY MEANT AS GUARANTEE TO WESTERN YOUTH DELEGATES THAT CONFERENCE WOULD NOT RAILROAD THROUGH ANTI-WESTERN RESOLUTIONS. FINAL DOCUMENT SHOWED SIGNS OF WESTERN RESISTANCE TO COMMUNIST EFFORTS TO MAKE THEIR FAVORITE PROPOGANDA POINTS. FOR EXAMPLE, NEUTRON BOMB WAS NOTED AS A "DANGEROUS FACTOR" BUT ITS DEVELOPMENT NOT OTHERWISE CONDEMNED. SIMILARLY, CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS WERE ENJOINED TO PROMOTE UNGA SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT (SSOD) AS WELL AS SUCH OTHER ACTIVITIES AS WORLD CONFERENCE ON DISARMA-

MENT WITH PARTICIPATION OF ALL STATES INCLUDING ALL  
NUCLEAR POWERS, A FORMULATION WHICH WOULD NOT PRESSURE  
WEST TO ATTEND LATTER COMMUNIST-PROPOSED FORUM.

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6. PARTICIPANTS AGREED TO INFORM THE INTERNATIONAL CON-  
FERENCE ON DISARMAMENT TO BE HELD IN GENEVA IN 1978 AND  
THE SSOD OF THE RESULTS OF THEIR BELIBERATIONS. THEY  
NOTED TAT "THE PROBLEMS OF PEACE, DETENTE AND DISARMA-  
MENT WILL BE REFLECTED WITHIN THE PROGRAM OF THE 11TH  
WORLD FESTIVAL OF YOUTH AND STUDENTS (SCHEDULED FOR  
HAVANA IN AUGUST, 1978) AND WHICH SHOULD CONSTITUTE  
AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE MOVEMENT FOR PEACE ON  
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A WORLD SCALE." THEY THUS AVOIDED RECOMMENDING ATTENDANCE AT THE HAVANA FESTIVAL OR REPORTING TO ITS ORGANIZERS. CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT YOUTH DELEGATE TOLD ITALIAN DCM AT LUNCH, ATTENDED ALSO BY TWO PCI YOUTH REPS, THAT HE WOULD NOT CONSIDER GOING TO HAVANA UNLESS CUBAN GOVERNMENT RELEASED CUBAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC YOUTH LEADERS CURRENTLY IN CUBAN JAILS.

7. PARTICIPANTS: GERMAN DELEGATION INCLUDED A BUNDESTAG MP AND FORMER SPD YOUTH LEADER, HEIDI WIECZOREK-ZEUL, AND DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF CDU YOUTH UNION, BROCK. WEST GERMAN SOCIALIST GERMAN WORKERS YOUTH (COMMUNIST YOUTH) ALSO REPRESENTED. ITALIAN DELEGATION OF FIVE INCLUDED ONE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT BY NAME OF CASINI, TWO PCI YOUTH REPS, ONE RADICAL AND ONE LIBERAL. UK SENT AT LEAST ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF YOUNG CONSERVATIVES. SPANISH DELEGATION INCLUDED CARLOS LA SERNA WHO ALSO DEPUTY GENERAL OF INTERNATIONAL UNION OF SOCIALIST YOUTH. LA SERNA TOLD PRESS THAT YOUTH OF HIS SPANISH SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY ARE UNHAPPY THAT SPAIN FINDS ITSELF PRACTICALLY WITHIN THE MARGINS OF NATO. SPAIN OUGHT TO BE DEMILITARIZED COUNTRY, HE SAID. HE ALSO CLAIMED U.S. AND NATO ARE TRYING TO SOLIDIFY CAPITALISM WHILE WARSAW PACT WANTS TO STRENGTHEN ITS DEFENSE TO PRESERVE ACHIEVEMENTS OF REVOLUTION. KAISER

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